

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Ron J. Vandergeest et al.  
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Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING USER AUTHENTICATION  
USING A BACK CHANNEL**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 14, 2007, and the Advisory Action mailed February 4, 2008, Applicants petition for a three month extension of time, submit a Request for Continued Examination and the following preliminary amendment:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.